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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN BIDDER

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED CALL FEBRUARY 23 FROM OFFICIAL OF TRANSPLAN, INC., 320 PARK AVE., NEW YORK, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING IF COMPANY IS BEING UNFAIRLY DISADVANTAGED IN BIDDING ON ADB CONTRACT FOR MASTER PLAN STUDY OF KATHMANDU AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA. TRANSPLAN, IN ASSOCIATION WITH ITALIAN FIRM RENARDET SAUDI ,CE, ROME, SUBMITTED BID DECEMBER 1975 VIA ADB MANILA, AND WAS REPORTEDLY RANKED FIRST BY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF NEPALESE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. NOW COMPANY HAS HEARD THAT AWARD OF CONTRACT HAS BEEN HELD UP AT HIGHER LEVELS OF MINISTRY, ALLEGEDLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS. COMPANY FEARS CONTRACT MAY GO TO LESS QUALIFIED COMPETITOR.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INVESTIGATE AND REPORT STATUS OF CASE.

3. TRANSPLAN PRESIDENT MR. SANTORO, PLANNING TO ARRIVE KATHMANDU THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, FROM MANILA. HE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS CASE. KISSINGER
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